

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re:**

**Applicant** : Thomas R. Lyon  
**Serial No.** : to be determined  
**Filed** : to be determined  
**For** : CLEAR VIEW CANNULA

**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
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**Honorable Sir:**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This is a Preliminary Amendment to the attached application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1 line 8, insert - - This is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/293,284 filed April 16, 1999. - -

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel the original claims nos. 1-13 and insert the following.

14. A method of using a clear view cannula in arthroscopic surgery comprising the steps of:
  - a. Providing a clear view cannula suitable for providing visibility within a joint cavity of a patient, the clear view cannula having a tubular body and a cylindrical sleeve defining a longitudinal axis, the clear view cannula defining a through hole aligned with the longitudinal axis and having shield members configured for expanding